Remarks

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/061,959 filed February 1, 2002. By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants hereby cancel Claims 1-22, 26-28, 32-52 and 54-57 without prejudice or disclaimer and amends Claims 23, 29-31, 53 and 58-59. As presented herein, pending Claims 23-25, 29-32, 53 and 58-59 are directed to an embodiment of a security system and associated method for remote monitoring of a premises that is fully supported in the parent application. The claims presented herein are similar, but not identical, in scope to certain claims, specifically, Claims 23-25, 29-32, 53 and 58-59, of the parent application which were allowed by the Examiner but canceled without prejudice or disclaimer prior to payment of the issue fee. Further by this Preliminary Amendment, new Claims 60-61, both of which are directed to still further embodiments of a method for remote monitoring of a premises that are fully supported in the parent application, have been added. While of different scope relative to Claims 23-35, 29-32, 53 and 58-59, newly added Claims 60-61 are believed to incorporate those features of the aforementioned claims which distinguish them over the prior art.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

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